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TAGS: OREP (STAFFDEL MAJAK)
SUBJECT: ITA - NATIONAL EXPORT POLICY

1. AS WE DISCUSSED, SLACK SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION FORCES JUSTIFICATION OF FRANK WEIL'S OPERATION (INDUSTRY AND TRADE ADMINISTRATION) ASIDE FROM EXPORT CONTROLS AND BOYCOTT ENFORCEMENT.
2. APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE GAVE LITTLE SCRUTINY TO ITA. NO AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE REGULARLY LOOKS AT ITA. OVERSIGHT BY ROSENTHAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HAS BEEN MOSTLY CRITICAL. WE HAVE AUTHORITY TO EXAMINE AT LEAST FOREIGN TRADE ASPECTS - PERHAPS THE MAJOR PART OF ITA.
3. ONE REASON FOR WEIL'S DESPAIR OVER APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ACTION IS SURELY ITS EFFECT ON HIS RECENT MAJOR POLICY INITIATIVE FOR A UNIFIED "NATIONAL EXPORT POLICY" AND PRESIDENT'S REQUEST FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH POLICY. VIC HAS COPY OF SPEECH.

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4. SUGGEST WE DO HEARING IN FUTURE ON "NATIONAL EXPORT POLICY," WHICH WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, GIVE WEIL CHANCE TO DEFEND ITA ON THE RECORD. WOULD ALSO HELP US EVALUATE ITA AND DECIDE HOW HARD TO FIGHT APPROPRIATIONS. WILL YOU CONSIDER, DISCUSS WITH VIC TO BEGIN ARRANGEMENTS?

5. THIS MIGHT BE TOO LATE TO REVERSE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS
ACTION, BUT COULD PROVIDE BASIS TO LOBBY FOR HOUSE
ACCEPTANCE OF MORE LIBERAL SENATE PROVISION.
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